



# Computational Challenges and Directions in the Office of Science

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#### The Office of Science



Advanced Scientific

- Supports basic research that underpins DOE missions.
  - Provides over 40% of federal support to the physical sciences (including more than 90% of high energy and nuclear physics)
  - Provides sole support to select sub-fields (e.g. nuclear medicine, heavy element chemistry, magnetic fusion, etc.)
  - Supports the research of 15,000 PhDs and graduate students



- Constructs and operates large scientific facilities for the U.S. scientific community.
  - Accelerators, synchrotron light sources, neutron sources, etc.
  - Used by about 18,000 researchers every year







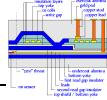


### Advanced Computing and Networking is Critical to Office of Science Mission

#### Scientific problems of strategic importance typically:

- Involve physical scales that range over 5-50 orders of magnitude;
- Couple scientific disciplines, e.g., chemistry and fluid dynamics to understand combustion;
- Must be addressed by <u>teams</u> of mathematicians, computer scientists, and application scientists; and
- Utilize facilities that generate millions of gigabytes of data shared among scientists throughout the world.

#### The Scale of the Problem



Two layers of Fe-Mn-Co containing 2,176 atoms corresponds to a wafer with dimensions approximately fifty nanometers ( $50x\ 10^{-9}m$ ) on a side and five nanometers ( $5x\ 10^{-9}m$ ) thick. A simulation of the properties of this configuration was performed on the IBM SP at NERSC. The simulation lasted for 100 hrs. at a calculation rate of 2.46 Teraflops (one trillion floating point operations per second). To explore material imperfections, the simulation would need to be at least 10 times more compute intensive.



## DOE Science Needs for Computing and Networking...



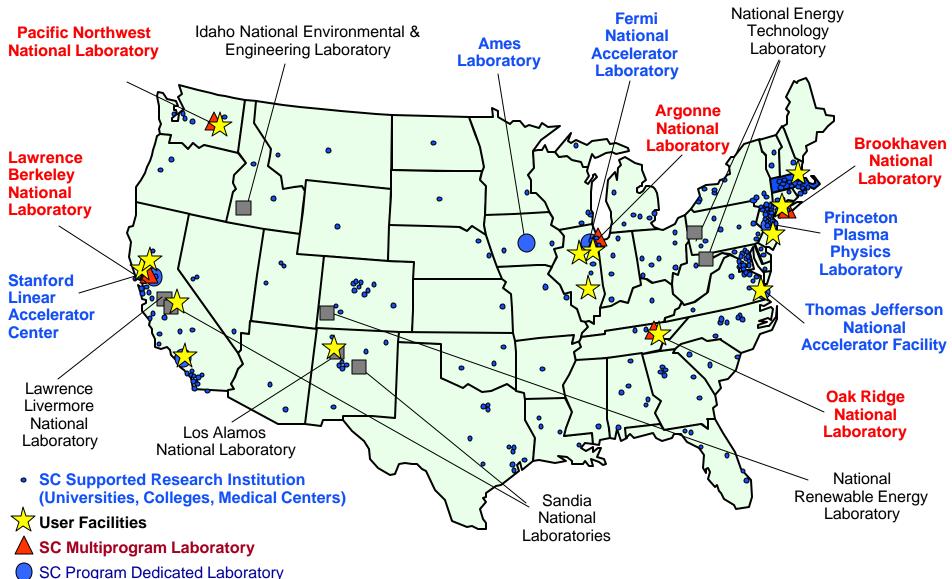
#### ...far Exceed Commercial Market Capabilities

- Computing capabilities 10 to 100 times greater than those provided by commercial systems designed for business applications.
- Computing systems with more sophisticated architectures and higher performance components than current commercial systems.
- Mathematical and computer science techniques to enable a scientific application to effectively use 1,000s of processors simultaneously and effectively exploit sophisticated architectures.
- Networks and software to move hundreds to thousands of gigabytes of data between targeted science locations.
- Software "glue" to link computer and network components together with performance levels 1,000 to 1,000,000 times higher than commercial solutions.



# SC Laboratories, User Facilities and the Institutions That Use Them

Other DOE Laboratory







#### Advanced Scientific Computing Research



modeling turbulent combustion



- Supports operation of supercomputer and network facilities available to researchers
  - National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center (NERSC),
  - Advanced Computing Research Testbeds, and
  - Energy Sciences Network (ESNet).
- Scientific Computing Research
  - Applied Mathematics,
  - Computer Science, and
  - Advanced Computing Software Tools.
- High Performance Networking, Middleware and Collaboratory Research
  - Networking,
  - Collaboratory Tools, and
  - National Collaboratory Pilot Projects.





## Scientific Discovery Through Advanced Computation (SciDAC)

- SciDAC brings the power of terascale computing and information technologies to several scientific areas -- breakthroughs through simulation.
- SciDAC is building community simulation models through collaborations among application scientists, mathematicians and computer scientists -- research tools for plasma physics, climate prediction, combustion, etc.
- State-of-the-art electronic collaboration tools facilitate the access to these tools by the broader scientific community to bring simulation to a level of parity with theory & observation in the scientific enterprise.





### Ultrascale Simulation Capability Needs FY2004-05 Timeframe



| Application                           | Simulation Need  | Sustained Computational Capability Needed (Tflops) | Significance   |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Climate<br>Science                    | Calculate chemical balances in atmosphere, including clouds, rivers, and vegetation.                   | > 50   | Provides U.S. policymakers with leadership data to support policy decisions. Properly represent and predict extreme weather conditions in changing climate.                  |
| Magnetic<br>Fusion Energy             | Optimize balance between self-heating of plasma and heat leakage caused by electromagnetic turbulence. | > 50   | Underpins U.S. decisions about future international fusion collaborations. Integrated simulations of burning plasma crucial for quantifying prospects for commercial fusion. |
| Combustion<br>Science                 | Understand interactions between combustion and turbulent fluctuations in burning fluid.                | > 50   | Understand detonation dynamics (e.g. engine knock) in combustion systems. Solve the "soot " problem in diesel engines.   |
| Environmental<br>Molecular<br>Science | Reliably predict chemical and physical properties of radioactive substances.                           | > 100  | Develop innovative technologies to remediate contaminated soils and groundwater.   |
| Astrophysics                          | Realistically simulate the explosion of a supernova for first time.                                    | >> 100   | Measure size and age of Universe and rate of expansion of Universe. Gain insight into inertial fusion processes.   |



#### For More Information



Wednesday, 8:30 Ray Orbach, "Ultrascale Computation and Scientific Discovery,"

Thursday, 12:00 Town Meeting on Ultrascale Simulation

**Exhibit Floor:** Zone 5, DOE Science Group

Web Sites: <a href="http://www.sc.doe.gov/scidac">http://www.sc.doe.gov/scidac</a>

http://www.ultrasim.info

http://www.appsmatrix.info

Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood, and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work, remembering that a noble logical diagram, once recorded, will never die, but long after we are gone will be a living thing, asserting itself with ever-growing insistency.

Daniel Burham, 1907, architect of the modern skyscraper.